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LIKELY TO BRUSH PETTY LEGISLA  
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Maximum Freight Measures to Come  
Up for Discussion at Once-Text  
Book and Stock Yards Bills  
Also to Be Pushed-

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 14.—(Special.) The legislature will tackle some of its weighty questions this week. To-morrow Senator Harris, as chairman of the railroad committee, will introduce his freight rate bill and it will be ordered printed immediately. The senate expects to take it up for consideration by Thursday, at the latest. The Brown bill as a majority report and the Walters bill as a minority report of the house railroad committee have been printed and an effort will be made to call them up out of their turn for discussion. Time is sliding swiftly away and the Populists are becoming nervous. They are afraid that

The text book question may also be considered this week. The joint committee appointed to draft a suitable bill has not yet reported. The Legislature has sent a tracer out and the bill will probably be forthcoming. Unless it is introduced Tuesday there is talk of an investigation. It is said that certain state employees have been retained by the book trust to prevent the committee from obtaining the trust. These officials are said to be playing a very active part in and around the legislation.

Another measure of much importance to be disposed of this week is the stock yards bill. The proceedings of the committee at

any 15-minute bill will be watched with interest by the action of the committee without further delay.

At the same time, the bill is in Kansas, however, as the bills reducing yardage fees and feed charges have been reported to both houses, with recommendation that they be passed.

## HANNA'S FRANCHISE BILL

### Senate Committee Will Report It to the Senate for Printing and Discussion.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 14.—(Special.) The senate committee on cities of the first class has reported back Senator Hanna's bill relating to corporations, with the recommendation that it be printed and discussed by the committee of the whole.

The bill is aimed at private corporations furnishing light, power, water or heat to cities of the first class.

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"The peanut vendor or express wagon boy must pay \$5 to \$10 rent (license) promptly. The city is not interested in the food and feed, while the private corporation is given the freedom of the city to collect revenue."

"The express boy has scores of competitors while the corporation is given a monopoly."

"This bill takes away the power of any citizen to sell goods or services or to run away a franchise, and prevents the council from allowing more than 5 per cent net on the goods sold or services rendered by the corporation, unless three-fifths of all taxpayers, after full information, order a greater profit."

"It is pre-eminently fair, as it permits cities that want private corporations to do as they see fit, and allows the citizens to do so; and also provides for city ownership of such utilities in such cities."

"It will compel a showing of the income and the out-go each year, from this time on, of each corporation, so that the people may know what they are paying to maintain it."

## FREE AND SALARY BILL

### Bankley Will Try to Get It Up in the House To-day—Strong Fight Against It

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 14.—(Special.) Representative Bankley will endeavor to get the fee and salary bill up for consideration in the house to-morrow. He believes he will be able to carry it through, although many amendments have been offered. Bankley has received assurances from the senate that it will stay by his bill if it passes the house. The bill makes radical changes in the fees of all county officers.

amounts to more than 50 per cent. It is the officers in the big counties which suffer under the bill. The big counties are the ones from these counties are here lobbying against the bill. For instance, the salary of treasurers in counties having over 45,000 population is cut from \$4,000 to \$2,400, and the treasurer is expected to pay all of his assistants out of this. The county clerk's salary is fixed at \$2,400, with \$1,500 per clerk hire. All additional help must be paid out of the clerk's salary. These reductions go all along the line. The lobby will use every means at its command to defeat the measure.

**PROGERS MAY BE TURNED DOWN.**

Some of the Populist Senators, It Is Said, Will Oppose His Confirmation.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 14.—(Special.) A delegation of Washington county people will appear before the senate committee on confirmations to-morrow and oppose the confirmation of William Rogers for regent of the university. The facts as brought out by the committee in its report concerning his conduct and character will be laid before the committee, with an urgent appeal that the appointment be rejected. It is reported in political circles that Hart, Mosher and Lupton, Populist senators, have agreed to vote against the confirmation, providing those fighting it will produce the records showing that the chairman Rogers was the proven.

This will be done.

**LEAVENWORTH COURT SCHEME.**

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 14.—(Special.) The senate will introduce a bill to amend the act relating to the

**Providing for N Court of Common Pleas.**

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 14.—(Special) Senator Harris will introduce bill one day this week providing for the establishment of a court of common pleas in Leavenworth county. An effort was made to make Leavenworth one judicial district, but it met with violent opposition so that the scheme had to be abandoned. The attorneys at Leavenworth claim that the court is away from the place where the common pleas must be granted litigants. After the failure to make the county a district by itself, the plan of establishing a common pleas court was sprung.

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